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Docket No.: 826-1377/RAG

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hironobu KITAJIMA et al.

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ENCRYPTING/DECRYPTING SYSTEM WITH PROGRAMMABLE LOG

DEVICE/UNIT AND METHOD THEREOF

: Examiner: D. Meislahn

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2000, and having a period for response set to expire on April 6, 2000. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) An encrypting apparatus, comprising:

a circuit unit, having at least one programmable logic device, to form an encrypting circuit with the programmable logic device corresponding to given encrypting specifications;

a change data generating unit to generate automatically change data for changing at least one of the encrypting specifications; and

a changing unit, coupled to said circuit unit <u>and said change data generating</u> <u>unit</u>, to read <u>the</u> change data [for changing the encrypting specifications] and to change automatically a structure of the encrypting circuit corresponding to the change data by changing a circuit structure of the programmable logic device without removal from said encrypting apparatus.

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